

Save the Last Word for Me

Description of the Strategy

- “Save the Last Word for Me” is a strategy that requires all students to participate as active speakers and listeners.
- Its clearly defined structure is perfect for reviewing vocabulary and helping students transition to using new words.

Set Up & Preparation

- Print multiple sets of vocabulary terms with a vocabulary word on one side and the **definition** on the reverse side.
- Divide students into groups of 4-5 members.
- Print the directions (below) for each group.
- Place the printed directions (below) & terms in a plastic bag for each group.

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Directions

- One person selects a card from the deck of terms and shares the term with the other members in the group.
- On a piece of paper, each of us will quickly jot down what we know about the term. (This can also be “in your head” and each person thinks about what he/she knows about the meaning of the term.)
- Next, each person takes a turn sharing his/her reflections and/or responses. As each person shares his/her thoughts, we can each share thoughts and responses.
- ***The person who drew the card gets the last word*** by sharing his/her reflections/reactions or by stating a fresh view if the responses of others have changed his/her original thinking about the term. **If we are unsure of the meaning or want further clarification, we can flip the card.*

